

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on January 20, 2005
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Branae, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Lake, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Scott Sales (R)

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 319, 1/17/2005; HB 320,
1/17/2005

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 320

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:19

REP. TOM FACEY (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB 320,
Authorize per-household fee for parks.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:42 Michael Harris, Legislative Liaison, Gallatin
County

EXHIBIT (tah15a01)

00:10:53 L. Harold Blattie, Assistant Director, Montana
Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:41 Al Littler, Billings, Montana Association &
Billings Association of Realtors

00:09:18 Tim Evans, Missoula County Association of Realtors

00:09:57 Ron Elliott, Montana Association of Realtors &
Gallatin Association of Realtors

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:49 REP. CAMPBELL

00:14:28 REP. ROSS

00:15:31 REP. WISEMAN

00:16:41 REP. BALYEAT

00:19:39 REP. PETERSON

00:20:29 REP. LAKE

00:25:12 REP. BUTCHER

00:28:38 REP. WARDEN

00:31:01 REP. McALPIN

00:31:37 REP. BALYEAT

00:33:03 REP. PETERSON

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:42 **REP. TOM FACEY (D), HD 95**, closed the hearing on
HB 320.

HEARING ON HB 319

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:54

REP. GARY MACLAREN (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 319, Constitutional amendment to freeze certain residential property taxes.

00:36:52

REP. BUTCHER arrived at hearing.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:37:19

Al Littler, Montana Association of Realtors,
Billings

00:39:21

Tim Evans, Missoula County Association of
Realtors, State Association of Realtors

00:40:55

Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

00:42:13

REP. LAMBERT arrived at hearing.

00:43:44

Ron Elliott, Montana Association of Realtors,
Gallatin County Association of Realtors

Informational Testimony:

00:45:46

Dolores Cooney, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:09

REP. GRINDE

00:46:57

REP. WISEMAN

00:48:40

REP. ROSS

00:49:40

REP. WISEMAN

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:46

REP. GARY MACLAREN (R), HD 89, closed hearing on HB 319.

ADJOURNMENT

00:52:03

Adjournment: 9:00 A.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

KW/DP

Additional Exhibits:

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